

## A CHILD AGAIN/1

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Little children and animals  
are so innocent  
they're cute and alive  
the witnesses of our lies

Testimony and testimonials  
night and daze  
and all your efforts to change  
in a foggy haze

Vivacious girls  
football players  
garbage men  
mayors

Lovers and hurt people  
agnostics and a church steeple  
the draft and the war  
the schizo and the whore.

I wish I was a child again